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SUBJECT: US PROTECTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS IN UGANDA

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1. ADVISED ACTING BHC BRIND JUNE 18 OF OUR WILLINGNESS REPRESENT BRITISH INTERESTS IN UGANDA IF BREAK IN RELATIONS OCCURS. EMPHASIZED PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS OWING REDUCED STAFF, OUR OWN PROBLEMS, AND STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH GOU.

2. BRIND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR POSITIVE RESPONSE. HE SAID HMG IS AWARE OF LIMITATIONS ON OUR CAPABILITIES, AND HAD ALSO TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT WE MIGHT BE KICKED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THEM OR SOON AFTER.

3. I SAID WE WOULD OF COURSE DO OUR BEST WITH CONSULAR PROBLEMS BUT I DOUBTED WE WOULD BE ABLE OBTAIN MUCH SATISFACTION FOR BRITISH IN ANY AREAS THAT REQUIRED DEMARCHES TO GOU SUCH AS ON PROPERTY NATIONALIZATIONS. BRIND REPLIED THAT WE CERTAINLY COULDN' T DO MUCH WORSE THAN THEY HAVE DONE, SINCE THERE ARE NOW ABOUT ONE HUNDRED OUTSTANDING UNANSWERED NOTES THEY HAVE SENT FOREIGN MINISTRY. ANY DEMARCHES ON NATIONALIZATIONS, HE SAID, WOULD BE PRETTY MUCH " FOR THE RECORD," TO PRESERVE LEGAL RIGHTS BY PROTESTING ILLEGAL ACTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH HMG MIGHT OTHERWISE BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE " ACCEPTED. "

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4. BRIND MENTIONED TWICE HIS EXPECTATION THAT " DEVELOPMENTS"
AT OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN AUGUST MIGHT PRECIPITATE
A BREAK, AND NOTED THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD NOT BE HERE TO SEE IT,
AS HE IS LEAVING ON TRANSFER JULY 18.
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